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SUBJECT: HOST GOVERNMENT PUBLIC REACTION TO SOVIET TRIALS

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1. CAMEROON RADIO AND PRESS REPORTS ON SOVIET TRIALS HAVE DEALT WITH SUBJECT AS STRAIGHT NEWS ITEM WITH ONLY LIMITED EDITORIAL COMMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, CLOSING OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION OF CAMEROON TRIBUNE, JULY 12, 1978, STATES:

"THE SHCHARANSKY CASE HAS ASSUMED SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO HAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT MR. SHCHARANSKY HAD HAD NO CONTACTS WITH THE CIA.

"THE KREMLIN DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE LATEST TWO TRIALS IN FACE OF A CHORUS OF CRITICISM FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY MANY IN THE WEST AS A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO ENFORCE SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS PLEDGES MADE AT THE HELSINKI SECURITY CONFERENCE
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IN 1975."

2. TEXT REPRESENTS TENOR AND EXTENT OF MEDIA REACTION. FYI CAMEROON TRIBUNE IS GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ORGAN WITH SOME DEGREE OF JOURNALISTIC FREEDOM.
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